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Title : Need to organise more national championships in Manipur for better utilization of existing sports infrastructure in the State as well as training sportspersons for the upcoming Olympics Games.

DR. THOKCHOM MEINYA (INNER MANIPUR): The Olympics – 2008 is knocking at the door. The Commonwealth Games is going on. I congratulate all the medalists from our country. Two weightlifters from Manipur, Ms. N. Kunjaani Devi and Ms. Yumnam Renubala Chanu won gold medals for the country in Melbourne. Ms. Kunjarani brought the first gold medal for the country and Ms. Renubala Chanu brought the second gold medal in weightlifting. My State, Manipur is the home of many National and International players who brought laurels for the country. Manipur has a reasonably good infrastructure for sports following the successful conduct of the Fifth National Games. These infrastructures are yet to be fully utilized for want of National Championships. I do urge upon the Union Government to see that more National Championships are awarded to the State so that the infrastructure is maintained and put in full use and players from different States including Manipur are exposed to the National level competitions and the likes of Ms. Kunjarani Devi and Ms. Renubala Chanu are trained for Olympic Medals.